

# **LOUISVILLE METRO YOUTH DETENTION SERVICES**

## **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**

### **ZERO TOLERANCE**

In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services (LMYDS) has zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving staff and juvenile or juvenile and juvenile in the custody, care, and supervision of LMYDS. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment will be investigated. The PREA policies and procedures outline LMYDS' commitment to the prevention of, detection of, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

### **ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS**

Residents can report sexual abuse, sexual harassment, retaliation, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities internally by verbally telling or writing anyone working in Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services (LMYDS); by writing a Resident Grievance Form; by calling the Youth Detention Services Hotline (574-0003), or by calling the Child Abuse Hotline (595-4550).

Third parties (other juveniles, staff, family, attorneys, outside advocates) are permitted to assist juveniles in filing grievances relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and are also permitted to file grievances on behalf of juveniles.

Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services (LMYDS) staff will follow a victim-centered approach in getting treatment for victims of sexual abuse and in the preservation of potential crime scene evidence. Victims will be offered, free of charge, a forensic medical examination at a local hospital and the services of a victim advocate.

The LMYDS Director will ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services (LMYDS) PREA Investigator is responsible for investigating all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and, when necessary, referring the investigation to the appropriate law enforcement agency